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DRAFT DECISION SUBMITTED BY MR. AUREL DRAGOS MUNTEANU (ROMANIA), VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL, ON THE BASIS OF INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Rationalization of the work of the Governing Council

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 87/1 of 17 February 1987, 87/50 of 19 June 1987, 90/23 of 23 June 1990 and 91/51 of 25 June 1991 regarding rationalizing and streamlining the work of the Governing Council,

Reaffirming the responsibility of the Governing Council to oversee and provide guidance for the Programme in accordance with the latter's mandate and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

Taking into account that the General Assembly, in paragraph 20 of its resolution 46/190 of 20 December 1991, invited the Governing Council to review its meeting and documentation requirements in the light of their significant financial implications and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session (1992), through the Committee on Conferences,

1. Requests the Administrator to include in his annual report information on the following:

(a) Implementation of country, regional, interregional, global and Special Programme Resources-funded programmes;

(b) Important highlights of activities of other funds and programmes, including the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration and the United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development;

(c) Significant steps taken by the United Nations Development Programme to follow up resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly and by other organs and organizations of the United Nations system, especially resolutions dealing with operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

(d) Technical cooperation among developing countries;

(e) A progress report on the activities of the United Nations Development Programme in combating the human immune deficiency virus infection (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS);

(f) Regional economic integration;

(g) Procurement from developing countries;

(h) Human Development Report;

(i) Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit of interest to the United Nations Development Programme;

(j) Any other matters to be brought to the attention of the Governing Council;

2. Decides to establish at its organizational session a programme of work for the Governing Council which will give appropriate time for consideration of specific subjects in the annual report of the Administrator, particularly those subjects contained in the report likely to require a decision by the Council;

3. Decides to consider annually the following subjects:

(a) National execution;

(b) National capacity-building;

(c) Programme management issues, including decentralization and the programme approach;

(d) Coordination;

(e) Evaluation;

(f) Matters relating to the programming cycles;

(g) Issues relating to programme quality, impact, sustainability, efficiency and programme/project audits;

(h) Assistance to the Palestinian people;

(i) United Nations Population Fund (see also para. 7 (h) of the present decision);

(j) United Nations technical cooperation activities;

(k) Annual review of the financial situation (including trust funds);

(l) Revised budget estimates for the current biennium;

4. Decides to consider country, intercountry, global and Special Programme Resources programmes and projects when each programming document is approved, in a mid-term review, and when each programme is evaluated upon completion;

5. Decides to consider the following subjects on a biennial basis:

(a) Matters relating to the least developed countries;

(b) Assistance to national liberation movements;

(c) Women in development;

(d) The activities of UNDP in combating HIV/AIDS;

(e) Technical cooperation among developing countries;

(f) United Nations Capital Development Fund;

(g) United Nations Development Fund for Women;

(h) United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office;

(i) United Nations Volunteers programme;

(j) Audit reports;

(k) Report on the status of management services;

(l) Financial regulations: matters on which consensus has not yet been achieved;

(m) Procurement from developing countries;

(n) United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical cooperation expenditures;

6. Decides to consider the following subjects on a triennial basis:

(a) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;

(b) United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development;

(c) United Nations International Short-Term Advisory Resources (UNISTAR) and Transfer of Knowledge through Expatriate Nationals (TOKTEN);

7. Decides that its agenda for the thirty-ninth session (1992) shall include the following additional subjects:

(a) Micro-capital grants, in accordance with Governing Council decision 90/15 of 22 June 1990;

(b) UNDP Gulf Task Force;

(c) United Nations Development Programme assistance in private sector development;

(d) Role of the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;

(e) Humanitarian programmes, including refugees, displaced persons, returnees and the United Nations Development Programme response to emergencies;

(f) Follow-up to the recommendations of the management consultants' report on the senior management structure of the United Nations Development Programme (decision 91/43 of 25 June 1991);

(g) Support costs successor arrangements;

(h) United Nations Population Fund: Review of the agenda of the Governing Council with a view to further streamlining;

8. Reaffirms its decisions to consider at its fortieth session (1993), inter alia, the following subjects:

(a) Technical cooperation among developing countries (decision 91/7 of 25 June 1991);

(b) Regional economic integration (decision 91/10 of 25 June 1991);

(c) Efficiency of programming and the comparative advantages of the United Nations Development Programme (decision 91/31 of 25 June 1991);

(d) Experiences and utilization of the development support services (para. 39 of decision 91/46 of 21 June 1991);

(e) Procurement from developing countries (decision 91/48 of 21 June 1991);

(f) United Nations Development Programme activities with respect to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (decision 90/20);

9. Requests the Administrator to provide for the organizational and regular sessions of the Governing Council a table indicating the subjects included in the agenda for the previous year, the present year and the two subsequent years;

10. Decides to review, at each session of the Governing Council, the subjects planned for inclusion in the agenda of the following session, with a view to eliminating consideration of those subjects that are no longer relevant and to streamlining further the agenda of the Council;

11. Decides further to review at its annual organizational meeting additional possibilities for the rationalization of the work of the Governing Council, including a review of meeting and documentation requirements;

12. Decides to examine on the penultimate day of each Governing Council session a comprehensive list of the reports being requested in draft Council decisions, with a view to reducing the overall number of separate reports.

[The following paragraph, proposed by Canada, was agreed in principle, but has not been reviewed by the working group:

13. Decides that Governing Council decisions should focus on the governance of the United Nations Development Programme and that the Council should avoid non-essential decisions not directly related to policies or activities of the United Nations Development Programme.]